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Section 1: Your personal and contact details Muirne Buchanan

1.1 Name *

1.2 Are you? * a member of the public

Select a topic to comment on Tell us your vision for the area

4.1 How do you want the West Highland and Islands area to change over the next 10–20 years? I would like more local people to be able to build themselves homes, instead of the majority of developments being for holiday houses for rental, owned by people from far outwith the area, and with no interest in it apart from it being a way to make more money.

4.2 What do you think are the best, existing assets and characteristics of the area? Think of your favourite landscapes, settlements, journeys, events and meeting places. The people, lack of mobile signal, wildlife, views, derelict crofts, weather, midges,

4.4 How can these assets and characteristics best be safeguarded, improved or used to provide economic or community growth? Stop allowing holiday house development. In Arrina where I live, only 4 out of 10 houses are permanently occupied. Of the last 4 proposed developments granted planning permission, only 1 is for occupation, the other 3 are holiday developments for speculators. It is killing what is left of the community and contributes nothing to it. Any income from holiday homes goes elsewhere to the owners, not into the local economy. They just want cheap cleaners.